IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 40-46 as follows:

40. (New) A device including:

(A) an inflatable mask, the mask being insertable, at least when deflated, through a mouth of the patient to an inserted location within a patient, the inserted location being near a laryngeal inlet of the patient;

(B) an airway tube coupled to the mask, the airway tube extending from a proximal end located outside of the patient's mouth through an interdental gap to the mask when the mask is at the inserted location, the interdental gap being a space between the patient's lower teeth and the patient's upper teeth;

(C) an evacuation tube for communication with an esophageal inlet of the patient, the evacuation tube being coupled to the mask, the evacuation tube extending from a proximal end located outside of the patient's mouth through the interdental gap to the mask when the mask is at the inserted location, one of the airway and evacuation tubes being greater than or equal to the other of the airway and evacuation tubes where the tubes pass through the interdental gap, the airway and evacuation tubes being coupled together in side-by-side relation such that the interdental gap need not be greater than the one tube when the mask is at the inserted location.

41. (New) A device according to claim 40, a diameter of the airway tube being equal to a diameter of the evacuation tube.

42. (New) A device according to claim 40, the mask including a generally elliptical inflatable ring.

43. (New) A device according to claim 42, the mask further including an inflatable back cushion, the back cushion contacting a pharyngeal wall of the patient and biasing at least part of the mask away from the pharyngeal wall when inflated and when the mask is at the inserted location.

44. (New) A device according to claim 42, the mask further including a body, a portion of the evacuation tube being sealed to the body.

45. (New) A device according to claim 44, the body defining a slot, the evacuation tube extending along the slot.

46. (New) A device including an airway tube, an evacuation tube, and an inflatable mask, the mask being insertable, at least when deflated, through a mouth of the patient to an inserted location within a patient, the inserted location being near a laryngeal inlet of the patient, the airway tube extending from a proximal end located outside of the patient's mouth through an interdental gap to the mask when the mask is at the inserted location, the interdental gap being a space between the patient's lower teeth and the patient's upper teeth, the evacuation tube being coupled to the mask, the evacuation tube extending from a proximal end located outside of the patient's mouth through the interdental gap to the mask when the mask is at the inserted location, one of the airway and evacuation tubes being greater than or equal to the other of the airway and evacuation tubes where the tubes pass through the interdental gap, the airway and evacuation tubes being coupled together in side-by-side relation such that the interdental gap need not be greater than the one tube when the mask is at the inserted location.

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